

Appl. No. 10/789,455
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Reply to Final Office Action of April 21, 2005 and
Advisory Action of July 12, 2005

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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1, 3-10, 12-22 and 24-27 were pending in this application. Claims 1, 10, 13, and 21 have been amended. No claims have been added or canceled. Hence, claims 1, 3-10, 12-18, 20-22, and 24-27 remain pending after entry of the amendments herein. Reconsideration of the subject application as amended is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-27 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over the cited portions of U.S. Patent No. 6,877,656 to Jaros, *et al.* (hereinafter “Jaros”), and further in view of the cited portions of U.S. Patent No. 5,799,316 to Audren, *et al.* (hereinafter “Audren”).

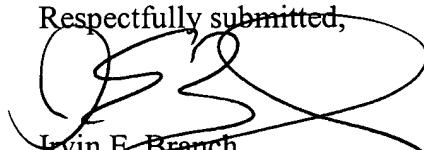
Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 1, 10, 13, and 21 have been amended to include subject matter not taught or suggested by the cited references. Hence, claims 1, 10, 13, and 21 are believed to be allowable, at least for this reason. The remaining claims depend from one of these claims and are believed to be allowable, at least for the same reason.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance and an action to that end is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 303-571-4000.

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